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Precious Love Hear:-

In yesterday's letter I wrote I worked try and get up early enough to write the loveliest I promised and believe me I did get up early, but what do you think? The negress that I wrote to you about, the one who wanted the divorce, came up this morning and chattered away until 11 30 the time of this writing. She now wishes me to go ahead with the case, but I politely informed her that I won't do a thing until she pays me. She assured me she will pay me this coming week, so you see I have something to look forward too. I had to tell you this in the very beginning, for I am happy, and I know how happy you will be when you hear of it.

Now, sweetheart I'm going to start. I hope no one interrupts me so that I can finish in time for the mail. If I am too late for the mail, I'll mail it anyway, and then you will get to-day's and to-morrow's mail at the same time. I hope I get in through in time for I would rather see you get a letter everyday, than one day nothing at all and the next day 2.

To begin with, I'll have to repeat what I had already written you. The prospects are bright, very, very bright. I am sure with a little more time, I'll have a somewhat substantial practice. I've made numerous friends, and good ones, too. Men who have promised to assist me, and who do at the very first opportunity. I am not looking for the big cases to come now, but am sure that that will come in due time. What I am really after is the small collection claims, for this reason: I see more money coming in, in the very beginning; then it keeps me quite busy; through this medium of the practice, I obtain a great many acquaintances, who come to see me about settling the matter I have against them, and when they do, I try to be as lenient as I am able to, thereby making a friend of him, instead of making an enemy. Just to illustrate it, I had a claim against a fellow for Mr. Hagan. He came up, paid something on account, and then I got talking to him. In the course of the conversation, he mentioned 2 or 3 instances where he had gotten into trouble and then the unavoidable assertion: "If I had known you at that time, I surely would have retained you." I hear that so often, I can hardly believe it, but I'm telling you the absolute truth. Another instance: The day I came my uncle was in Court. When he saw me, he felt like "walloping" me, as he put it, for not coming a little before, so that I could have gotten the case & made some money. Anyway, I saw his lawyer and spoke to him about the case, and when he heard me argue it before him, he said "Mr. Freedman I want you to appear with me, as counsell and you will have a splendid opportunity for some clean experience." I assured him I will appear, and when my uncle heard of it, he was tickled. Of course, I won't see a cent out of it but I am will get some experience, something that I need. It takes these little incident that help a man along in his practice, and I feel sure that they will help me along as much as possible. Then my law professors help me along as much as they can and I told them what I am going to tell you now, that I ~~[illegible]~~ subscribed to what is known as the "Bonded Attorney"

a magazine that is published quarterly and this is its advantages. The magazine publishes the names of all the attorneys in the country who are bonded and are engaged in the collection business besides their general practice. If I should have a case in Los Angeles, Cal., or in Louisiana, or Michigan, or New York, I would consult this book, get the name of an attorney, send him the case, and advise the company that on this and this date I forwarded a claim to so and so. This would then bind the attorney to the rules and regulations of the association, and then he couldn't charge me a greater amount than what the company has set down, and if he should collect and misappropriate the money I have a claim, and can recover, against the company. Through this medium I can accept all collection cases and feel sure I can attend to them, and in this way, I can work up a nice practice, clean, legitimate and honorable, for this way, I can make numerous friends and make quite a nice little money, besides of having a practice coming. I wrote to the company and asked them information about being a bonded attorney. If I become a bonded attorney and have my name published, I feel sure I'll be able to get a nice few cases. The dean says that is one of the best things I can do, and it just shows him, how I am trying to succeed. If he only knew what a darling little wife I have, he wouldn't wonder why I try so hard so as to make my darling precious girl well happy. Every time I see him, he asks for you mother, and Nore. Yesterday he asked me if I was going to bring them here too. I told him I would and he said "Just like you, Joe". This isn't in any braggadocio tone, but I am writing this according to my promise to write you little things that as yet I haven't written you. Income for collection cases. Other cases are coming in a great deal through my sign. That sign sure has done its work a great number of times. You see, I'm located in Court Square, a prominent thoroughfare, and people are bound to see it. More than one has told me he was on his way to a lawyer, when he saw my sign and came up to me instead of going where he originally intended to go. Then Dr. Lozan, druggist Pristera, my uncle Solomon, and other of my friends are recommending me here and there, and feel sure that with all this help, I'll work myself up to something good, don't you, Toots? Even Bernately and his nephew say they are going to recommend me wherever they can, but that of course, must be seen. So darling, don't you think prospects are quite bright? This week I made $12.00 so you see that a little of it is coming in, only my expenses are either so big, or I'm foolishly spending it. It cost me $1.00 a day for meals only. I was telling Lozan that if you were here, on the money I am making, you could also live on it, and he agreed with me, but meals, rent, and incidentals which if you were here would just eat up the few dollars I make, but I can assure, I have every wished I can, for as the old proverb goes "Save the pennies, the dollars will take care of themselves", and that's the little adage I am following as much as I can. If my aunt was different, believe me, I could save some money, believe me, but as Dr. Lozan said, you could become crazy if you lived there, that's why when I leave in the morning, I don't go back until 11 P.M. Oh, well, it's all in the game, and then, I'm getting my room, poor as it is, free, and my uncle's help, but let me tell you, he sure is treating me differently now.

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No more does he try to put anything over me as he used to.

My uncle is a peculiar duck. You must know how to rub him to get along with him. He is liable to do anything one minute and the next minute regret his step. He and Solomon are as thick as can be, that is, in their friendship and stall, you ought to hear the arguments! They don't amount to anything but it simply goes to show how petty my uncle can be at times. I don't believe he means anything by it, but in all probabilities its because of his ignorance. Solomon is a fine fellow. Whole-hearted and sincere in everything he does. He'd do anything for anyone he likes, and I can tell you, babe, he certainly is helping me a great deal. Recommends everywhere, introduces me to every one he can. On the whole, he is doing everything within his power to help me out. He always asks for you. Asks how you are getting on & feels in a fatherly way towards us. He has a brother in the service who is practically good for-nothing. That boy came did aggravate Solomon, but I sincerely hope that the service has wrought a change in him for the better, not for his sake, but for the sake of Solomon. Coming back to my uncle; every night, when we get home, we begin talking of you. He told me that my aunt always argues with him for an hour, insisting that I ought to send for you. Of course, she is imbecelic but anyway it just means that we are all anxious to have you here. Believe me, Lootsie, I want to have you here. I always look up the different advertisement about the furniture, and feel I can get a nice ivory set, the kind you want.

Sometimes in the ads, they say that for the same money, we can get ivory, mahogany or walnut. If I can get ivory or walnut, which shall I take? I rather like the ivory, but I know you like walnut, too, so let me know. I saw a nice ad that read "3-room special," but you wouldn't like it for the ~~wouldn't~~ wood isn't what we want. They want $200.00 for the outfit, but for that money, I can get something you like and with which you will be pleased. I feel happy when I read the ads. for it reminds me that soon you will be here. I also look up ads for 3-room apartments, but when the time comes for you to come here, I'm sure I'll have a nice little place fixed up. No furnished apartment for us. Our own little home, that's what I want, and want it badly. What do you say, precious, am I right? I couldn't think of sending for you without first having a little home fixed up. It may not be a lovely little place —— how can it when you are not here —— but when you come, my own little tootsie, then it will be a little palace, eh, sweetheart? I am going to write to mondean about the furniture; I hope I can get it for a set like that you can't always get. I sure do wish though that I can make enough to pay off mondean what I borrowed from her. I'm pretty sure I will be able to do so in a little while. I sure do wish I can be able to send for her very soon

after I have you here, and then we will have a regular family reunion. What do you say?

Love, when I first came here, that is last month, I thought it was spring. The weather was wonderful, with the exception of a 2 days rain. Then, in the last few days, it turned cold. We had a little snow, not much, then it got kind of warm again but like to-day, it became kind of cool again. When we had bad weather I faithfully wore the rubbers & rain coat, just as you wanted me to, so, beloved, you needn't worry about me taking care of myself, for I am, to the best of my ability.

Honey love, to-day is Sunday, and believe me, I dread it. What am I going to do with myself, I don't know. I'll walk around a little, I know, then go to show, that is a moving picture show, and then the day is over, and the dreaded night is on. My only hope and consolation is that you will soon be here and then I won't be so lonesome. I try my best to keep going to see people, but honey, how can I go to affairs when you are not here? I yearn for you so much, I miss you so much; often times I feel as if I were losing you, that's a fact, but then, the desired truth dawns on me, that you are 40 long travel away from me, then I get miserable, depressed, and blue. I can hardly be blamed for that. Pooty, somehow, I have a vague feeling that you are disappointed in something. For the last few days, I have had that feeling. I have often, in that time, wondered if you are losing patience or grieving too much, or something. Your letters are always wonderful, as usual, but, I really can't get rid of that feeling. Darling, I want you to write to me and tell me how everything is getting on. I want you write me every minute little incident, and probably that will get rid of that vague feeling. I really don't know what has come over me. I can't sleep, I'm restless, and feel certain that something is wrong. I hope, sincerely so, that I am absolutely wrong, so I want you to tell me, and tell me everything. Do you understand, honey? I wonder what that can be. So all of a sudden! I really am coming to believe its on account of the trouble you have had at the dispensary. I sure do hope I can get you out of there already. It's beginning to get on my nerves! When, oh when, sweetheart, are we going to have each other again. By God, at times I get mad, I feel that things are not as they should be. Maybe its only because I miss you so much and it the worry over it. I can assure you, Toots, the next time I leave for any place to make a living, you are coming with me.

My precious jewell, I certainly do miss you; I yearn for you; I long for you! At times I feel that I am going to call for you the very next day, but then the miserable truth appears and points out how impossible it is for the present. I truly hope and pray that you will be here for Easter. It is maddening, Toots, maddening to think that one so fine and good and faithful as you should have to suffer because of my inability to support you <u>now</u>, but, love, my own precious wife, I swear by all that is holy, by the memory of my dear,

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departed father, that I will make you happy and contented if it is only within my power to do so. Honey love, how I long to embrace you, to take care of you, the good Lord knows, but the fact still remains, we must wait; wait until I have a large enough practice so that I can take care of you; support you, clothe you as is befitting one so good and dear as you and give you a home, a home, darling, that for which you are now suffering so; giving up your pleasures, your good times, all for that, and believe me, my own beloved, I appreciate it, and believe me, I'll never forget it.

Precious, dear, go no further. I had intended to write much more, but suddenly, I can't. My heart is heavy, my thoughts have become deadened by the emotion of my leaden heart. I feel blue, darling. You are away, you are 40 hours away, precious, and try as I might, I can not get rid of it, so my own darling, I will conclude, precisely hoping that I haven't disappointed you in reference to the length of my letter with all my love to my own precious, darling wife, for whom I yearn and long so much, with all my love, hugs, thoughts, & kisses,

Ever lovingly and longingly your
tenderly lonesome,
Hubby